BALD PEAK COMMUNITY FUND GRANT FOR MOULTONBOROUGH GRANGE HALL



Critical funding to proceed with the emergency repairs to the failing roof system of the Moultonborough Grange hall was secured with a grant from the Bald Peak Community Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The temporary stabilization work was completed at the end of October by Bedard Preservation & Restoration LLC.

The Moultonborough Heritage Commission and the Moultonborough Historical Society, owner of the Grange property, are partnering in recent efforts to save the landmark Grange building and to plan for its future in Moultonborough Village. Fundraising through mid-October focused on the priority roof stabilization project, and the dedicated fund for the Moultonborough Grange received a number of private donations from a broad spectrum of community members. The generous contribution from the Bald Peak Community Fund was key to the success of the fundraising effort.

The Bald Peak Community Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation was founded in 2002 to give support to neighbors and communities in need of essential services. While the priorities of the fund are to help provide the necessities of food, heat, and caregiving to children and seniors, the fund committee made an exception this year to contribute funding for the emergency repairs to the Moultonborough Grange hall. In the grant award letter, President Elizabeth Utterback noted, "we are delighted to support your organization, which we feel enhances our community."

The Moultonborough Grange hall was named to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's 'Seven to Save' list in mid-October. Additional grants to fund the further permanent stabilization necessary to save the Grange building, including a roof system final repair, deck framing, and grade and foundation work, are now being actively sought.